AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1, beginning at line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a division of application Serial No. 10/105,730 filed March 25, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,173.

Please replace the first full paragraph beginning at line 7 on page 7 and ending at line 8 on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 5 illustrates a dispensing package 40 in accordance with another aspect of the invention as comprising a container 42 and a closure 44 secured over the finish 45 of the container. Container 42 includes a container body having an outer shell 26 and an inner bag-shaped liner 36, as in the embodiment of FIGS. 1-4. Again, the outer shell and/or the inner liner each may be of either monolayer or multilayer construction, for example employing materials discussed above in connection with FIGS. 1-4. Shell 26 has a lower end 46 formed by a cylindrical wall portion of reduced diameter as compared to the body of the shell. Lower end 46 is coaxial with body 26 and finish 45, forming an axially downwardly facing circumferentially continuous shoulder 48. (Directional words such as "upwardly" and "downwardly" are employed by way of description and not limitation with respect to the upright orientation of the packages illustrated in the drawings. Directional words such as "radially" and "laterally" are employed by way of description and not limitation with respect to the central axis of the container finish. All dimensions are nominal and are given by way of example.) A vent opening 50 is formed in the bottom wall 30 of the container shell 26. The container shell and liner may be extrusion blow molded, and an elongated slot-shaped vent opening 50 may be formed as described in above-referenced U.S. Patent 6,083,450. A base 52 is secured to lower portion 46 of container body 42. Base 52 includes a flat deck 54 having an annular peripheral wall that is telescopically received over portion 46 of the container sidewall with

deck 54 in abutment with base wall 30 of outer shell 26. A recessed pocket 58 is centrally disposed in deck 54, extending away from the upper end of the base that is received over the container body. An opening 60 is centrally disposed in the flat bottom of wall pocket 58. Opening 60 has a diameter of 0.031 inch in one presently preferred but exemplary embodiment of the invention. Changing the size of opening 60 will control how rapidly outer shell 26 and sidewall 28 return to their normal or pre-squeezed geometries. For slower recovery, a smaller diameter opening 60 can be used, as small as 0.010 inch diameter.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 10, beginning on line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. [[15]]17 illustrates a package 94 that includes a container 42 (FIGS. 5-7), a base 74 (FIGS. 11-12), and a valve disk 78 (FIG. 13, or 86 in FIG. 14, or 88 in FIG. 15, or 90 in FIG. 16). A thin gasket 96 is positioned between disk 54 of base 42 and bottom wall 30 of container 42. Gasket 96 is preferably of soft plastic material such as polyethylene, and provides an area for laser-weld securement of the base up to the container. Peripheral portion 80 of valve disk 78 is secured to the base against the bottom wall of valve pocket, while central portion 66 is free to move with respect to vent opening 60 as previously described. Beads 76 in the base function for temporary retention and centering of the base prior to welding.